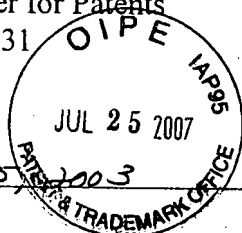


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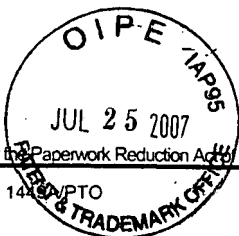
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In connection with the claims pending in the instant application (related to a method of increasing the proliferative capacity of a mammalian cell expressing telomerase RNA component by introducing into the cell *in vitro* a recombinant polynucleotide that encodes a protein with telomerase catalytic activity) Applicants draw the attention of the Office to U.S. Pat. Nos. 7,195,911; 6,475,789; 6,261,836; 6,337,200; and 6,921,664; and allowed application No. 09/721,506. These patents and application include claims directed to cells comprising a polynucleotide encoding a protein with telomerase catalytic activity.

It is understood that the Office has access to the full patent specifications, file histories, and other information via PAIR. However, should the Office require copies of any documents the Office is urged to contact the undersigned. Moreover, although Applicants have provided this information in an attempt to assist the Office, it is Applicants' understanding that the Examiner will conduct his own analysis.

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Patent No.	Title	Claims
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Pat. No. 6,166,178	Telomerase Catalytic Subunit	AV
Pat. No. 6,261,836	Telomerase	AW
Pat. No. 6,309,867	Telomerase	AX
Pat. No. 6,444,650	Antisense Compositions For Detecting And Inhibiting Telomerase Reverse Transcriptase	AY
Pat. No. 6,475,789	Telomerized Mammalian Cells Human Telomerase Catalytic Subunit: Diagnostic and Therapeutic Methods	AZ
Pat. No. 6,617,110	Cells Immortalized with Telomerase Reverse Transcriptase for Use in Drug Screening	BA
Pat. No. 6,627,619	Antisense Compositions for Detecting and Inhibiting Telomerase Reverse Transcriptase	BB

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Pat. No. 6,808,880	Method for Detecting Polynucleotided Encoding Telomerase	BC
Pat. No. 6,921,664	Telomerase	BD
Pat. No. 6,927,285	Genes for Human Telomerase Reverse Transcriptase and Telomerase Variants	BE
Pat. No. 7,005,262	Methods for Detecting Nucleic Acids Encoding Human Telomerase Reverse Transcriptase	BF
Pat. No. 7,056,513	Telomerase	BG
Pat. No. 7,195,911	Mammalian Cells that have Increased Proliferative Capacity	BH
Pat. No. 7,091,021	Inactive Variants of the Human Telomerase Catalytic Subunit	BI
Pat. No. 6,337,200	Human Telomerase Catalytic Subunit Variants	BJ
Pat. No. 6,610,839	Promoter For Telomerase Reverse Transcriptase	BK
Pat. No. 6,767,719	Mouse Telomerase Reverse Transcriptase	BL
Pat. No. 6,777,203	Telomerase Promoter Driving Expression of Therapeutic Gene Sequences	BM
Pat. No. 6,440,735	Dendritic Cell Vaccine Containing Telomerase Reverse Transcriptase for the Treatment of Cancer	BN

App. No.	Title	Status	Pending Claims
09/432,503 (This application)	Reducing Tissue Damage Due to Impaired Replication Using a Vector for Expressing Telomerase Reverse Transcriptase	In most recent O.A., previous claims were rejected under 35 USC § 112 ¶ 1 (enablement).	BO
09/721,477	Immunogenic Nucleic Acid Sequences of Human Telomerase Reverse Transcriptase	In most recent O.A., previous claims were rejected under 35 USC § 112 ¶ 1 (new matter, written description and enablement requirements); §§ 102 and 103 (citing GeneBank Accession No. AA281296).	BP
09/721,506	Nucleic Acids Encoding Human Telomerase Reverse Transcriptase and Related Homologs	Allowed	BQ
10/877,124	Vector Encoding Inactivated Telomerase for Treating Cancer	No examination on the merits	BR
10/877,146	Vaccine Containing the Catalytic Subunit of Telomerase for Treating Cancer	No examination on the merits - Now Abandoned	BS

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10/877,022	Treating Cancer Using a Telomerase Vaccine (Immunodetection of hTERT proteins)	In most recent O.A., claims are rejected under 35 USC § 112 ¶ 1 (written description and enablement requirements); and 35 USC § 112 ¶ 2	BT
11/207,078	Sequence of Telomerase Reverse Transcriptase, and Products Derived Therefrom for Conducting Clinical Assays, Immortalizing Cells, Screening Drugs, Treating Cancer, and for Other Commercial Purposes	No examination on the merits	BU
10/044,692	Nucleic Acid Vaccine for Eliciting an Immune Response Against Telomerase Reverse Transcriptase	In most recent O.A., previous claims were rejected under 35 USC § 112 ¶ 1 (written description and enablement requirements); and for obviousness-type double patenting over Pat. Nos. 6,093,809 and 6,261,836.	BV
08/974,584	Functional Homologs of Human Telomerase Reverse Transcriptase Containing the Telomerase T Motif	Obviousness-type double patenting rejections citing Pat. Nos. 6,261,836; 6,927,285; 6,921,664; 6,337,200; 6,475,789; 7,195,911 and Application Nos. 09/721,477; 10/877,124; 09/721,506; 11/207,078 and 10/044,692.	BW
10/053,758	Antibody to Telomerase Reverse Transcriptase	Allowed	BX
10/637,443	Identifying and Testing Antisense Oligonucleotides that Inhibit Telomerase Reverse Transcriptase	Rejection under 35 USC § 112 ¶ 1 written description and enablement requirements; and 112 ¶ 2	BY
10/862,698	Protein and Peptide Fragments from Mouse Telomerase Reverse Transcriptase	Abandoned in favor of continuation. Prior claims were rejected under 35 USC § 112 ¶ 1 written description and enablement requirements; § 102; and § 103	BZ
09/615,039	Oncolytic Virus that Replicates in Cells Expressing Telomerase Reverse Transcriptase	Abandoned Rejection under 35 USC § 112 ¶ 1 written description and enablement requirements; § 112 ¶ 2; § 102, § 103; and obviousness-type double patenting	CA
11/411,604	Telomerase Promoter Sequences for Screening Telomerase Modulators (Con of 09/615,039)	No substantive examination on the merits	CB
10/208,243	Method for Identifying and Killing Cancer Cells (Con of Pat. No. 6,440,735)	Non-final rejection under 35 USC § 112 ¶ 1 written description and 35 USC § 112 ¶ 1	CC
11/413,838	Cellular Telomerase Vaccine and Its Use for Treating Cancer (Div of 10/208,243)	No examination on the merits	CD

App. No.	Title	Status	Pending Claims
10/674,836	Cancer Therapy Using the Telomerase Promoter	Rejection under 35 USC § 112 ¶ 1 written description and enablement; double patenting over 6,777,203 35 USC § 112 ¶ 1	CE

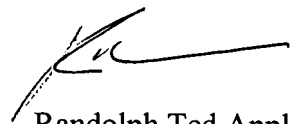
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